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1. For the past three months Achilles Grigorogiannis, member of SK-ELD, has been organizing a new "democratic front" in Athens to attract as many discontented and disillusioned Communists and former-Communists as possible. Grigorogiannis has already enlisted the support of Leonidas Christodoulakis, Nikos Monferatos (members of SK-ELD), as well as Ioannis Peltekis and the former Communist Party official Vasilios Hantzos. He has also reportedly discussed the movement with Vasili Martinovic, First Secretary of the Yugoslav Legation, with whom he maintains close contact.
2. When Grigorogiannis left Greece in early February for a business trip to Belgrade and Bern, he instructed Nikos Monferatos to take over the movement during his absence* and to hold preliminary discussions with the above-mentioned persons concerning the best platform and policy to be adopted by the movement.
3. As a result, at a meeting called by Monferatos on 18 February 1951**, a 3-man committee composed of Monferatos himself, Ioannis Peltekis and Vasilios Hantzos, was formed to direct the movement. It is anticipated that Grigorogiannis will become the chairman of this committee on his return from abroad.
4. Hantzos is believed to have wide contacts in extreme-leftist and Communist circles, and will reportedly secure support of the movement from the KKE. Peltekis has reportedly already approached both British and American officials in an attempt to solicit foreign support (presumably financial in nature).
5. Nothing is known at this time of any active moral or financial support actually being given the movement. The Yugoslav Legation is reportedly intensely interested in the movement, and is kept informed of its development through constant contact with Grigorogiannis himself.
6. Attached hereto is a "Manifesto", reportedly composed by Grigorogiannis, setting forth the policy and aims of this new movement.

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Comment: Grizogriannis is expected back in Athens approximately 20 March 1951.

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persons who had attended, as a result of which the entire movement received a good organizational basis. Another meeting was to be held three days later. Monferatos also stated in his letter that Grigorogiannis' promise (relayed by Christodoulis) to resign officially from SK-SM, should the members of the new movement so desire it, had made quite an impression on him (Monferatos).

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